

McLean Land Management Committee
Meeting Minutes: December 10, 2008
Conference Rm 1 Town Hall

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Members Present: Wes Ward, Steve Kidder, Michele Gougeon, Richard Pichette, Martha Moore, Ellen O'Brien Cushman

Others Present: Kit Dreier, Eugene Record, Judy Rushmore, Nancy Dunham, Dix Campbell, Jeanne Mooney, Roger Wrubel, Tom Grimble

Meeting convened at 7:12 pm

Conservation Restriction

- Wes Ward presented the LMC with the official Baseline Documentation Report compiled and written by The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR); review of the table of contents including all studies, save the Woodlot report. Report is permanently archived. The Town is given three copies. Ellen has one as chairman, one is filed with Town Clerk, one at Community Development. Ellen will look for a copy of the Woodlot report and get it to Wes.
- Wes reported that with the delivery of the Baseline Documentation the endowment of \$20,000 is now due to TTOR. He presented an invoice. The earnings on the endowment defray the cost of ongoing monitoring and communications with the LMC. Brief discussion regarding the appropriateness of payment from the Gift fund, review of Town Counsel comments.
- Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to pay the invoice presented by The Trustees of Reservations in the amount of \$20,000 from the McLean Open Space Gift Fund (Cosman money).

251 Mill Street

- Ellen reviewed status of 251 demolition plans. After discussion of alternatives, motion made, seconded and unanimous vote to do the following:
 - Tear down the structures
 - Level the resultant lot
 - Explore use as gravel parking lot
 - Keep parking close to the street for personal safety/line of sight for police
 - Consider hiring Pressley for design of parking?
 - Perhaps we could ask a resident with landscape design expertise to donate skilled labor
 - This project would shift the identity entrance from Concord Ave or Pleasant Street to Mill Street and could be incorporated with Rock Meadow for ease of access
 - \$35,000 is available in the cell tower account. Unanimous support for this.

Fallen Trees

- NEMBA has identified the need to remove some fallen trees in the Pine Allee and across the Coal Road (Trail #1). LMC unanimously voted to permit Tom Grimble to cut and move these trees within the next couple of weeks. The LMC is grateful for his donation of time.

Erosion and runoff from the cell tower driveway

- LMC voted unanimously to have Ellen pursue a solution with Peter Castanino, DPW to install a small swale of crushed rocks to slow the runoff.

Polatin Invoices and Proposals

- Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to pay invoice from May 2007 Proposal from Polatin Ecological Services (The 4 step plan): Native Plant Revegetation in the northwest corner in the amount of \$1600 from the McLean Open Space Gift Fund.
- The LMC reviewed the proposal provided by Heritage Fields in the total amount of \$2750 for clearing the visual corridor of the Pine Allee of all invading plant material (requested by the JKR Fund Trustees) and to close the Mill Street trail connection and relocate it to terminate at the newly installed crosswalk. The JKR Fund will agree to reimburse the LMC for the amount dedicated to the Pine Allee, the LMC would fund the Mill Street work. Ellen will request a breakdown from Heritage. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the proposal by Heritage in the amount of \$2750 total, with expected reimbursement of Pine Allee work by JKR Fund.

Trails Working Group

- Tom Grimble proposed to the LMC that a Trails Working Group be formed. A brief discussion followed and the LMC unanimously voted to endorse the idea, naming the following to the working group: Tom Grimble (chair), Gene Record, Dix Campbell, Kit Dreier

Teen Gathering/Drinking Activity

- Dix Campbell and Jeanne Mooney apprised the LMC of some recent activity along Trail C including drinking, furniture and open space vandalism. Ellen will contact the Belmont Police Chief to apprise him of this and ask how to best police the area to limit vandalism and harmful activities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Recorded by Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Chairman